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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the newly elected office bearers/ body of the Delhi Chapter of Indian Association for Air pollution Control. I particularly thank Dr. Sharma, Dr. Tyagi and Dr. Moitra for always keeping me in touch of the various activities of the chapter. As you are aware the Association was started in Varanasi way back in 1976 by stalwarts like Dr. G.D. Agrawal, Prof. S.J. Bedi, Dr. D.N. Rao and few more. The Association has been benefited by the valuable services rendered by Shri S.K. Gupta from Envirotech, Delhi and guidance from experts like Dr. Nilay Chaudhary, Dr. B. Sen Gupta, Shri Gharekhan, Shri Tuli, Prof. P.S. Trivedi, Prof. Madhoolika Agrawal, Prof. H.V. Bhavnani, Prof. Jasrai, Dr. Kamath, Prof. D.M. Kumavat, Prof. V.S. Patel, Prof. N.M. Bhatt and Shri B.R. Naidu, I thank all these and many more which I am unable to recall.

The Association was started with 3 main objectives A) Providing suggestions to Govt. regarding problems and solution to Air Pollution, B) Providing update knowledge to Pollution related Govt. officials/ Scientists/ Students/ Industries about air pollution and its management, C) Provide solutions to industries to reduce air pollution.

Now we are living in difficult times the challenges are still there on all fronts. Clean ambient air is not freely available to citizens throughout the country. For sustainable cities new models are suggested but is a long way. To address above issues, How many times we wrote to State or Central Govt? Our membership is not reaching to new students in Colleges, university or Engineering colleges. The standards of teaching in universities are not up to the mark. Industries are either unaware of recent developments or they do not want to use new technologies to reduce pollution. Implementation of pollution guidelines are inadequate, EIA sanctions need a fresh thought. Surprisingly WhatsApp and social media is playing a mischievous role *i.e.* our young students are learning that Peepal or *Ficus* tree produces oxygen 24 hours, few plants discovered by NASA are air purifiers and should be kept inside rooms, wearing mask will continue to keep pollutants away even after Corona is absent.

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I have a list of 250 members and you are having more than 350 life members (may be few are common) all these can act as a force to undertake above three objectives. We should use WhatsApp, Facebook page and Research Journal both in Print and E form to reach to the members. I really thank you for publishing the Journal of Association, please continue that.

We have a large population with diverse cultures and there is a need to educate common man about vehicular pollution. Some programmes can be undertaken to do the PUC check or other exercises like stack monitoring with the help of University students surely. This will add to our knowledge what is the condition really on ground and then suggestions can be given to mitigate it.

Association should think to honour (by giving prizes or certificates) for good start up programs related to Air Pollution measuring instruments, and best published paper in Journal. Our members are from different parts of the country and from different institutions, their views / comments should be respected and given due place in website. We are organizing Seminar once in two years, it can be organized with your collaboration as well. We are printing a News Letter on 5th June, and would like to put the views of members and your write-up also there. Please send us the activities undertaken by your chapter regularly.

Hope Great going ahead. My all good wishes to you all.

With Regards,



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To

Dr. J.K. Moitra

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